

The far left is promising that all of this will only be the prelude—the prelude—to the main event if they don't like the rulings coming down the pike. One activist group is promising that our cities will be submerged in—listen to this—“a night of rage.”

Well, yesterday, the Senate unanimously passed some supplemental funding for law enforcement to protect the rule of law and to keep the Court, its staff, and the Justices safe from all this. This noncontroversial funding passed here unanimously last night—zero objections. The House of Representatives needs to pass this urgent bill without delay.

BORDER SECURITY

Madam President, on another matter, in 2021, on President Biden's watch, each monthly total for illegal migrant apprehensions was higher than the same month's number the previous year. The same thing is happening in 2022. Every month has topped the total from 12 months prior. In fact, this past May didn't just eclipse May of 2021; it set a new alltime record. Border Patrol officers conducted nearly 240,000 apprehensions in May, and 25 percent of them—an “unusually high” rate—involved migrants they had apprehended before in just the past year.

These jaw-dropping numbers are a clear and direct symptom of failed leadership. The Biden administration is making a conscious decision—a conscious decision—to fumble the ball.

Last spring, right after apprehensions hit a 20-year high, President Biden claimed:

It's way down . . . We've now gotten control.

Look, no reasonable person could have looked at the facts and concluded that things were under control, but that is exactly what President Biden and his team insisted. Apparently, a functionally open border is how they define success. A functionally open border is how, apparently, they define success.

Senate Democrats rubberstamped the Biden nominees who are presiding over this failure. The Biden DHS swiftly issued internal guidance encouraging ICE and CBP personnel to use more politically correct terminology when referring to the border crisis. They were quicker to police employees' language than to actually police the border.

Vice President HARRIS spent her time as the administration's supposed border czar, staying as far away as possible from the border itself.

Just this spring President Biden submitted a budget request that would cut funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention. He also promised to cut out the emergency authorities that border officials were relying on—in the absence of a coherent strategy from his administration—to turn away thousands of illegal migrants every single day.

Their response to a functional open border is just to hit the gas pedal.

Stable prices, public safety, and secure borders are three of the most fun-

damental duties of any government. Sadly, for our country, the Biden administration has swung and missed three times.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WALSH

Madam President, today, I have the honor of acknowledging a longtime Senate staff member who is proceeding to a well-earned retirement at the end of this month.

Billy Walsh has been with the Secretary of the Senate's office for 19 years. He spent several years as an assistant bill clerk before moving to the Journal Clerk's office and working his way up to that top post.

As the Senate's Journal Clerk for the last 4 years, Billy has brought both good humor and professional dedication to his work in serving the Senate.

So, Billy, congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for your service.

REMEMBERING LEONA I. FAUST

Madam President, yesterday was a sad day for the Senate. We learned that we had lost a distinguished, long-serving staff leader in our institution.

Leona Faust had served her country as Senate Librarian for the past 12 years, and that key position was the capstone of a long and storied Senate career that had just entered its 45th year.

Everyone who knew Leona had sterling praise for her work. I have heard our Librarian described by her friends and colleagues as being devoted to the institution—as a true Senate all-star, as the first to volunteer whenever a task needed tackling.

Leona was a beloved colleague. She was also an expert whose professionalism and institutional knowledge filled an essential niche in the Senate's day-to-day functioning.

As leader of a talented team, Leona was constantly looking for new ways to expand the resources the Library offers to Senators and to our staff. She was instrumental in expanding the references and databases of the Senate's information system, especially as the pandemic left big chunks of the institution to working and researching remotely for a while. Year after year, she demonstrated her devotion, often without much fanfare.

The Senate Library staff pull long hours attending to pressing questions here on the floor. Leona led by example. She made herself available at all hours. So the Senate hasn't just lost a talented Librarian who helped people find resources they needed, we lost a true steward of the institution who had become a resource herself in her own right.

Our prayers today are with Leona's family and with her colleagues at the Senate Library and with everyone across the Senate who spent decades admiring Leona's commitment and her expertise and who are now joined together in mourning her loss.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority whip.

E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING PRODUCTS

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, if you look at the marketing plan of Big Tobacco in America over the last half-century, it is very obvious: Tobacco companies sell an addictive product. There is a chemical included in the tobacco—nicotine—which is highly addictive. To be successful, they have to convince people to take up smoking, even though it is dangerous to their health and is a product that is difficult to quit. How do they achieve that goal? They prey on children, and they always have. Kids start smoking at an early age, and if the tobacco companies have their way, it leads to an addiction for a lifetime—a compromise on a person's health and even their death.

Over the years, I have done battle with Big Tobacco. The first, I guess, exchange was over banning smoking on airplanes. It seems so long ago, but we were successful, and we really changed the national conversation on tobacco. More and more people became sensitive to the fact that tobacco companies were, in fact, exploiting our children, addicting them to their product, and steps were taken at every level—local, State, and Federal—to stop that from happening, and it worked. The number of children in America who are addicted to tobacco-related products began to decline precipitously.

Big Tobacco was in a panic. They were losing their market share. Kids weren't taking up tobacco smoking the way they had in the past, and so they devised and invented new products. The most obvious one, I want to address this morning: e-cigarettes, vaping.

The nicotine inside these vaping devices is the same nicotine as in the tobacco cigarette, and it is just as addictive. Where have these companies directed their marketing? To children. Once again, to children.

We believe that 2 million or more children in America are currently using vaping products and e-cigarettes. Many of them believe that they are harmless, that they cause no damage to you from a health viewpoint. These children are wrong.

The Agency that is responsible for regulating this product—vaping products, e-cigarettes—is the Food and Drug Administration. They have written a sad and sorry record when it comes to regulation of this deadly product.

Over the years, we have begged them, pleaded with them, argued with them over why they didn't show more leadership in banning this product from the shelves across America because so many children were becoming addicted. It reached the point where a Federal court—after years of delay by the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland ordered the Food and Drug Administration to finally begin regulating these addictive, kid-friendly vaping products, giving a deadline of September 9, 2021, to finalize review of e-cigarette applications.